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A Home Away From Home

Martin Luther King is credited with saying: "The good neighbour looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers." His words give guidance to those in a boarding school community.

More than one hundred and sixty boys board at Christ Church Grammar School. From ages 10 to 18, from country areas, interstate and overseas, from a variety of backgrounds, these young people live together for most of each year for up to seven years.

Most of us have vivid memories of our school days, ranking those vital years somewhere along the fondness-aversion continuum but accepting their significance in the formation of our characters and in determining the paths we later followed. This is especially so for boarders.

Boarding is a community experience of a powerful kind and it provides tremendous personal challenge. The quality of life in a boarding house is substantially determined by the stance of each individual, and pupils soon learn just how much they depend upon others and how much others depend upon them. All are required to accept responsibility for the life of those about them and senior pupils in particular come to understand the importance of example, leadership and concern. What is involved is a process of growth and development similar to that which occurs in adult life when new challenges must be tackled. Somehow one is never quite the same again!

Although a small number of English Public Schools and New England academies took boarders before the nineteenth century, the modern boarding school in the English-speaking world is a product of the reform of the English Public Schools led by Matthew Arnold of Rugby. Appalled by the behaviour of students who lodged in houses around the school he established a House system within Rugby to guide the moral and spiritual development of its students, offer them opportunities for leadership and provide a focus for healthy competition.

In both Britain and the United States the well known private schools are predominantly boarding schools. In Australia only a few schools have remained predominantly boarding, generally the pattern is day schools with a boarding component.

At Christ Church the tradition of boarding goes back almost to the beginning. The Founder, Canon W J McClemons, opened the School in 1910 with an initial enrolment of nine day boys but boarders were soon accepted. At first they lived in the Rectory with

Canon McClemons and his family, but later a boarding house (demolished in 1979) was built. By 1915 there were 120 boys at the School of whom 35 were boarders.

In those distant days, when there were few country high schools and little in the way of remote education, church schools, by offering accommodation, were able to provide for the education of country children. Other families availed themselves of these facilities. As early as 1919 there were children from Malaysia attending Christ Church and by the 1940s quite large contingents of school children were travelling from Singapore and Malaysia on the ships of the Blue Funnel Line to attend Christ Church and other Perth schools. School boarding houses became rich international communities with a great deal of energy and shared purpose.

Many parents and their children still choose boarding and are enthusiastic about its benefits. It provides a stable educational environment and allows students to gain a measure of independence from their families as they move through their adolescent years. The boarders enjoy the company of their peers and treasure the friendships they develop - friendships which often last a lifetime. The people, the incidents, the laughs, the pain of bad times - all are remembered forever.

Furthermore, growing up in a boarding house teaches the merit of tolerance, the importance of co-operation and the value of sensitivity in a closed and unavoidably close society.

School is home for much of the year, and pupils are valued for what they are as persons and for the contribution they can make to community life as much as for anything that they can do.

For schools the pedagogical, organisational and financial challenges are considerable. Though aiming to provide the ideal level of care those running boarding schools must grapple with gaps between intention and reality. Staffing and costs bedevil administrators. Costs have risen considerably in real terms, particularly since the early 1970s. Food prices outstrip inflation and wages have increased dramatically. There is also considerable pressure on schools to improve facilities. They respond to that challenge but must be wary about over-capitalisation.

In spite of the difficulties the whole of our School community benefits from the presence of boarders. Boys from the country, interstate and overseas bring new perspectives and contribute a great deal to the knowledge and understanding of their peers. ■

*On the cover:
The Boarding community:
On the embankment in front of
Walters House - Parry,
McClemons and Walters
House boarders with their
Housemasters, Resident
Tutors, Housemothers and
House Tutors, the sisters from
the Medical Centre and
members of the Catering and
Cleaning teams.*

From the Headmaster's Desk

CHALLENGES FOR STAFF : 1995

Teaching staff members are energetically addressing 1995 priorities, many of which are derived from the Strategic Goals.

The Centre for Ethics is fast becoming a reality. A Philosophy, goals and program brochure is being prepared by the Chaplain, by the Assistant to the Headmaster and by me; the role of an Assistant has been defined; the physical "base" for the Centre (the Vestry and meeting room below the Chapel) will be set up in the near future; and a Steering Committee is being established, to assist the Chaplain to consider priorities for a program linking boys, parents and the wider community. Meanwhile, seminars on ethical issues continue to be arranged by Canon Sheehan, as announced from time to time in the School's newsletters and in the press.

The Senior Master, Mr John Norris, is exploring further international student exchange opportunities. He attended a Conference on developing international links (student and staff exchanges, opportunities for links with schools in our region, etc) in Melbourne in March, and is working with the Heads of Language Departments and others in building upon our links with Japanese, French and English schools.

A Standing Working Party on Information Technology has been established. Chaired by Ms Ros Keep (Director of Information Technology [IT]), its members include Mr Vince Evans (Bursar), Ms Jan Kaye (Senior Librarian), Dr Peter Lewis (Dean of Studies), Mr Geoff Matthews (Head of the Preparatory School) and Mr Nik Samuelson (Computing Manager).

The Working Party is a peak advisory and co-ordinating body with a brief to monitor and define Information Technology needs, particularly in relation to Strategic Planning goals and implementation steps in both the academic and administrative domains. It will advise on the priority of issues requiring discussion, research and decision, and co-ordinate matters of policy and practice.

The working Party has vigorously addressed the matter of defining the role of Computing Manager and has made the IT cabling/campus-wide link-up its highest priority project.

Leadership opportunities for senior boys have been enhanced by the expansion of the Prefect system and by the duty teams' combined School/House structure. The Deputy Headmaster, Mr Ray House, and I are pleased by the seriousness of purpose displayed by the

senior boys. We have had a very good start to the year in both organisational and pastoral sense. Appraisal of all School and House Prefects was a particularly enlightening and positive process. Our young leaders are spirited and forward-thinking, and have the interests of the School and its pupils at heart.

These projects are examples, only, of the many challenging ways that we are being guided by the goals defined in 1994.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARDING HOUSES

An especially exciting project is the planning of the long-awaited improvement of boarding facilities. A Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Senior Boarding Housemaster Mr Graham Ferguson, has prepared a preliminary (but comprehensive) brief for a major redevelopment of Walters House. Consultations with the boarding community, with the architects and other key committees can now take place.

I am most appreciative of the School Council's resolve to see the job done properly.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AND MOTHERS' AUXILIARY

I am absolutely staggered by the Association's and Auxiliary's extraordinarily generous level of support via grants for staff professional development and capital and program projects.

Almost \$200,000 has been made available for 1995 grants. One especially exciting grant, funded by the Mothers' Auxiliary, is over \$65,000 for equipping the third computing room in the Information Technology Centre. That gift comes on top of \$135,000 provided by the Auxiliary, just two years ago, for equipping the first two rooms.

The exciting list of projects can be found elsewhere in this edition. I congratulate the Presidents of the Association (Mrs Suzie Martin) and the Auxiliary (Mrs Kerry Chandler) and their dedicated and imaginative committee colleagues. The members of the teaching staff are delighted, and the boys will be the beneficiaries. ■



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

A corner of the Dining Room.



One of the Verandah Dormitories.



The new Boarding House was described in the WEST AUSTRALIAN of December 10, 1914, as follows:

The building has been planned with centre rooms for the masters, with wide hall entrance and porch, the north wing containing the common room and dormitories, with matron's rooms. Broad sleeping-out verandahs are placed on either side of the dormitories, these practically becoming dressing rooms. Baths, showers, lavatories, etc., are attached. On the south wing is the large dining room, with kitchen, servery, and servants' quarters. A quadrangle separates the wings. The whole building is fitted up with every convenience, together with electric lighting, hot water service, clothes lockers, and all other necessities connected with school life.

Boarding at Christ Church 1914-1995

Christ Church Preparatory School was established as a day school in February, 1910. From the outset parents in many part of the State urged Headmaster Canon W C McClemons to take on boarders. This he did in 1914. During that year School House was erected for Boarders. The building cost £3,000.

Boys were admitted to the Boarding House from the age of six. Every effort was made to give them "a refined and happy home". In particular the Boarding School aimed to cater for the needs of the individual.

School House was personally supervised by the Headmaster. Two assistant masters and a trained nurse



At the front of Romsey House, 1920: On the left E Jennings and H Jennings. Can anyone name the other boys? They may be Wright i and ii or Walsh i and ii.

lived in the House. All communications relating to the boys had to be made through the Headmaster. Leave of absence for the night, or for evening entertainments, was given only at half-term.

The number of boarders gradually grew. By 1920 the School was looking for extra accommodation. As a temporary solution a house in Victoria Avenue was leased as a residence for the Headmaster and his family and provided sleeping accommodation for six boarders. The Council for the Church of England Schools took steps to purchase "Nanutarra", the property of the late Mr Higham. The school took possession of the two-storeyed home, together with two and a half acres of grounds, in August 1920.

"Romsey" as the house was known, became the Headmaster's residence as well as providing accommodation for about twenty boarders. Headmaster Stephen Noake was absolutely delighted with the School's acquisition. What excited him most was that Christ Church now had a river frontage.

The opening of the new Boarding House inevitably led to inter-house rivalry. The Romsey-ites believed that they were supreme. There was also friendly rivalry between the members of the three dormitories in School House. Those in C Dorm considered it to be the "top" Dorm and where all the "aristocrats reside". B Dorm was noted for its silkworm craze and for its "good Talkers". A Dorm distinguished itself because it had only one occupant.

The Common Room was in School House. It had one piano which was well used during the weekends. According to all reports, the room became rather rowdy when filled with fifty boys.

1924 was a good year for the boarders. The substitution of glass panels for the old blinds on the dormitories greatly improved the comfort and appearance of School House. It was now possible "to keep the dormitories well aired and lighted in the most inclement weather". The back verandah was enclosed with glass and the middle changing room was divided by means of lockers. A verandah was added to the Common Room and a sewerage system was installed. From now on boarders were allowed two over-night exeat per term.

Then numbers, particularly of boarders, fell away and 1926 and 1927 were bad years financially.

This did not prevent the boys from getting up to the normal boarding school pranks. Indeed in November 1927 some took the law into their own hands by

A group poses as the back of Romsey House in the 1920s.



Romsey affords us what we have so long needed, ready access to the water. We shall appreciate the advantage of this towards the end of next term, and during the hot term of next year. Half the pleasure of a swim is lost when one contemplates a walk back uphill in the hot sun. Now, however, we shall be able to have a swim before breakfast and again after afternoon school on hot days, without the great loss of time involved in going to and from the local baths. Later on will come facilities for rowing". THE MITRE, Vol.1, No.8, August 1920.

forming "a court of justice" to condemn culprits who had committed the serious crime of deflating boys' bicycle tyres. Despite the boys' vigilance and the court's decisions, little impact was made on the craze.

In second term 1928 stamp collecting took hold in the Boarding House. "At night the small fry take their albums to bed and bartering can be heard in their

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dormitory at all hours". By third term the craze had shifted to photography. All the seniors had cameras, some even experimented with developing their own photographs. In 1930 the boarders, together with a few day boys, formed a Camera Club.

Towards the end of 1929 the Council for Church of England Schools conceived plans to redevelop and upgrade Christ Church. The Council envisaged building a new Boarding House and adapting School House and the classrooms for other uses. It became apparent that if both Christ Church and its neighbour, Girls' High School, were to develop as they should, then each would soon be cramped for space. The Archbishop suggested that the Council should interest itself in the education of girls as well as that of boys and that it should acquire the Girls' High School. He further suggested that the Council should purchase land in the area to relocate one of the two schools. The Council acquired the Girls' High School in 1930 and after considerable debate it was decided that Christ Church take over the grounds and buildings. Girls' High School (to become St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls) was moved to a property overlooking Mosman Bay. The Diocesan Trustees had plans drawn up for alterations and additions to the former Girls' High School.

School resumed on 10 February 1931 and the greatest change was the "removal of the Boarding Houses to the premises overlooking the blue waters of Freshwater Bay". The new property, known as River House, was the Senior Boarding House. Construction work was still in progress but the outcome was spacious and convenient facilities for the boys and housemasters. The Girls' High School classrooms became the Dining Room and the Servants Hall and Dining Room became the boys' Common Room. Other alterations included additions to the kitchen and the provision of sick bay and matron's quarters. Not

everything worked perfectly from the outset. For most of the year the boarders had to contend with inefficient showers.

The depression of the early thirties had severe consequences for Christ Church. The Council proposed to give its support to Guildford Grammar at the expense of Christ Church, even suggesting that the School revert to preparatory status and that boarding be abandoned. However, the School was not downgraded and B T Walters, who succeeded Canon Parry as Headmaster, also took on the running of the Boarding House as a private venture. He and his family lived with the boarders at River House.

Old Boys recall Walters as "a typical English schoolmaster who wore a tweed suit everyday" and as "a good bloke". He had an air of authority about him but he was never intimidating. "You knew you could go this far and no further". Walters was an excellent teacher with "a strong right arm". His crepe-soled shoes and pipe are legendary. Boarders recall that although you never heard him coming you knew he was in the vicinity because you could smell his pipe. "Wally" or "Tommy" Walters as he was affectionately known, was keen to make sure that the House was "A Home" for the boarders. He was obviously successful as his presence did not curb the boys' enthusiasm for such things as sliding down banisters.

One can imagine then how devastated Walters was to hear in October 1942 that two of "his boarders" had drowned in a boating accident on the Swan River. Many Old Boys believe that the deaths of Alexander Scott and Lawrence Foord were what caused Walters to resign at the end of that year.

In April 1942 the Government evacuated the staff and patients of Fremantle Hospital to Heathcote Hospital and Lucknow (Bethesda). The nurses at Lucknow were accommodated in River House and the domestic staff lived in Craigie. The boarders were

The day boys decided that one thing the boarders could not complain about was the food. "Both the champion athletes (Open and Under 16) in the School Sports came from the boarders. That'll show you what they get fed on." THE MITRE, Vol.X, No.3, December 1931.

The stairs in the house are used as a ramp where the seats of trousers are polished, speed being essential in the Boarding House. THE MITRE, Vol.XI, No.5, July 1935.

Headmaster Canon Parry was very proud of the new facilities (River House) that Christ Church offered. He was mindful of the fact that the Council for Church of England Schools had been "exceedingly generous and far sighted" in its plans for Christ Church. THE MITRE, Vol.IX, No.1, May 1931



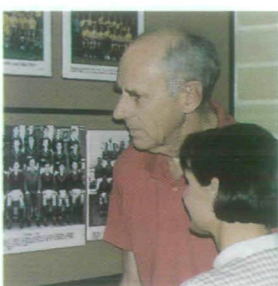
A group pictured on the tennis courts at the back of School House about 1935.



Queenslea (now Walters) House, 1966. Photograph loaned for copying by JOHN BUTCHER (1964-69)

The wiping of plates and clearing of tables still seems against the principles of many boys. ... The only thing we don't like about long week-ends is the acute laundry position. THE MITRE Vol.XII, No.9, December 1946.

It appears that the films which will appeal to the boys are RED SKELTON and technicolour musical comedies, good technicolour westerns and movies. However, much to the general disappointment, there was no evident improvement in acoustics so that LONE STAR was seen but only half heard. Much of the same state of affairs prevailed for DEVIL'S DOORWAY, while the projector broke down completely during an exciting moment of BULLDOG DRUMMOND. THE MITRE, Vol.XV, No.1, December 1955.



Archivist Wendy Hillman with 1950s teacher and Junior Housemaster Bill Bennetts during his visit to the School in 1994

moved to one of the boarding houses at St Hilda's as the girls had been evacuated to Bencubbin.

After breakfast the boys collected a cut lunch and walked via Devil's Elbow to Christ Church for their lessons. Not all of the boys enjoyed the interference to their routine but the patients and staff returned to Fremantle Hospital in October 1942 and the boarders were then able to move back into River House.

Boarding numbers gradually increased. In 1945 there were 85 boarders and by 1949 this number had risen to 122; 78 lived in Queenslea and 44 lived in Romsey. The School Notes for 1949 report that there would have been even more boarders if there had been the room for them. It was in this year that the name of River House was changed to Queenslea.

To cope with the demand for places a new section, comprising two dormitories upstairs and a change room and large bathroom downstairs, was added to the back of Romsey. At the same time minor alterations to Queenslea created adequate accommodation for a married master and at least one single housemaster.

The ever present complaints about "boarding house stews" and cold showers were prevalent in the forties. The boys also complained about having to clear the tables and do their laundry. In December 1993 John Fitzherbert, who boarded at Christ Church in 1941 and 1942, clearly recalled boarding house stews and the cold shower he had on his first morning at school. However, he also remembered the wonderful view from River House and lying out on the lawn in summer eating grapes.

During the fifties there was tremendous growth in the number and range of clubs and societies that Christ Church offered. Many of the most ardent participants were boarders. Headmaster Peter Moyes believed that there needed to be a wide range of activities so that each boy could find a way of expressing himself.

Traditional activities such as Cadets, Drama and Debating were always popular. However, it was some of the new clubs such as Carpentry, the Naturalist Society and the Model Aero Club which captured the interest of the boarders. Model plane enthusiasts were

allowed to fly their planes on Saturday afternoons on the Lower Oval. There was even a group of keen gardeners. John Wisbey and his team transformed the area surrounding Romsey into "a beautiful parkland".

The screening of films was also very popular. However, as with a lot of amateur film showing the boarders often had to contend with poor acoustics and equipment breakdowns.

Some things about boarding school never change and one is complaints about the food. Edmund de Chazal, who boarded for his Leaving year in 1955, recalls it "as terrible". Apparently many boys surreptitiously spent money at the corner store. They also relied upon cakes and biscuits that were sent from home and such goodies could always be used as bribes to avoid incurring the wrath of one's peers.

Edmund de Chazal remembers boarding school as a somewhat sparse existence. "You had a bed and a locker beside it and there was a changing room downstairs. You remade your bed once a week with one clean sheet per week. Prep was done down in the main school and was taken by the senior boys. This meant that they often didn't get much of their own work done." One of his fondest memories is telling the junior boys stories after lights out.

Bill Bennetts taught Physics and Maths at Christ Church in 1950. He was also a Junior Housemaster in Queenslea and recalls his main duties being to ensure that everyone got up on time and was showered and dressed before breakfast and that everyone was in bed and the lights were out at a certain time each night.

Bill Bennetts also remembers boys persuading he and Don Smallman to take them swimming in the river during the summer months. Discipline was firm but fair - and usually administered by the cane. This did not prevent boys from getting up to the usual pranks such as water fights in the dormitories. At the end of the year there was a big barbecue and every boy received a bottle of Coca Cola. Some boys tried to get two but Housemaster Len Sweet, was on to that.

1958 was a "good" year for the boarders in Queenslea House. At last the old, rusty corrugated iron "Rat House" was demolished. The old ablutions

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block gave way to new toilet facilities, dormitories and an extension to the Dining Room. The most significant improvement according to the boys was the installation of a new oil-fired hot water system together with eight showers and basins. Further changes occurred in the sixties. The building of Sandover Dining Hall freed up space in Queenslea which was converted into a locker room, a prefects' study room and private study rooms for 6A boys.

In 1965 the School acquired "Knutsford" Hospital from the State Government. The property, renamed McClemans, was opened in 1966 as a Boarding House for thirty senior students. Almost immediately a new study block and a housemaster's flat were added, both of which overlooked the river. In 1967 McClemans became a "full-size Boarding House" with accommodation for sixty boys.

The School grew considerably in the late sixties and early seventies and in 1973 Christ Church introduced an eight House system. Two of the Houses, Walters (formerly Queenslea) and McClemans, were to be Boarding Houses as well as the basis for competitive sporting and co-curricular activities. At the same time Romsey Boarding House (Junior) was renamed Parry House.

The Walters Recreational Centre was built in 1977 and the House Common Room redecorated. A year later a cubicle system of accommodation was introduced. Most boys welcomed the greater privacy and the better atmosphere for study.

In 1982 the new McClemans Boarding House was opened by Mr Peter Moyes. Parry House (Romsey) was demolished and the junior boarders moved into old McClemans House which was renamed Parry.

McClemans House comprised four storeys. Sixty-seven boys were housed in the single and double cubicles. The comparatively small number of boys on each floor lent itself to the setting up of "family-type" groups, each group to be responsible for the care and management of its own facilities. In Parry the open dormitory system was retained as it "gave a greater sense of belonging, a greater feeling of security and a fuller opportunity for experience which younger children, in particular new boys, need".

Separate recreational facilities were provided for McClemans and Parry Houses similar to those provided for the boarders in Walters, with space for games such as table tennis and pool and for the enjoyment of hobbies and television.

The changes that were put in place in the late seventies and eighties fostered a greater awareness of the rights and need of others. They also encouraged the boys to show a more caring attitude to one another.

In 1993 the School Council developed a Strategic Plan. Views were sought from a broad cross-section of the School community. The redevelopment of the Boarding Houses was high on the list of priorities. Currently plans are being drawn up to re-develop Walters House. ■

Donations to the Archives

GORDON CRIMP (1929-36) and JOHN CRIMP (1931-37) have donated 1933-39 copies of MITRE and John has also donated his blazer pocket. He was awarded Cricket and Cadet Colours.

Mrs June Bedells, on behalf of her late husband JACK BEDELLS (1926-34), has donated ten photographs, a silver cup for Athletics won in 1933, a blazer pocket, colours for Athletics and the First XVIII, a pair of Old Boys' cuff links, and Old Boys' lapel badge, two brass blazer buttons, two brass scout badges and ten cloth scout badges.

Mrs Elizabeth Bedells, on behalf of her late husband TOM BEDELLS (1927-31), has donated five framed photographs.

JOHN E BUTCHER (1964-69) loaned four photographs for copying.

DALE BOYS (1932-43) has donated an Honour Blazer pocket and a photograph and, on behalf of his father HAROLD BOYS (1912-16), a photograph of the 1914 Christ Church School Soccer Team and the Old Boys' Blazer that his father wore between 1935 and 1940. Harold Boys was the first Captain of School (1915-16).

JONATHAN SCHUPP (1944-58) donated samples of his school work in Forms 1B and 1A. ■



The people who thought of collars, ties, clean shoes and combed hair, not forgetting clean jerseys, had no consideration for small boys! THE MITRE, Vol. XIV, No.1, December 1952.

I remember warm summer nights out on the outdoor dormitories where we'd all be told to shut up by the Housemaster and we wouldn't. As I was the person in charge of our particular dormitory and the boys were either last year of Junior School or first year of Secondary School they'd all cluster around my bed and I'd tell stories till about midnight unless somebody caught us. That was great - actually I enjoyed that. Oral interview with EDMUND de CHAZAL (1946 and 1951-55) recorded September 1994.

A group of Year 11 boys recently questioned Mrs Judith Mackie, Housemother of Walters for the past twenty years, as to how she thought students had changed. She considered that the boys were a little better educated now and that they were more their own people. As for changes to the life-style of boarders, she thought that things were now more relaxed. In the seventies the Boarding Houses were very regimented, with roll call and an inspection of the dormitories every morning. No boy would dare to address a master as anything but "Sir" and it was compulsory to wear School uniform when going into Claremont or out on leave. Today boys have a greater say in how the Houses are run. Oral interview with Mrs Judith Mackie, Housemother of Walters, March 1995.

JACK BEDELLS (1926-34) breaks the tape at the Inter-house Sports, approximately 1932. Can anyone name the second (two legged) and third (four legged) place getters?

Housemother Judith Mackie snapped these boys on the back stairway of Walters - another photograph for her collection which spans twenty years of boarding in Walters House.



The Boarding Houses

The three Christ Church boarding houses - Parry, McClemons and Walters - together can accommodate up to 195 boys. Each house is staffed by a Housemaster and three Resident Tutors and a Housemother who is present between 7.45 am and 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday. A team of domestic staff takes care of the cleaning. Meals are prepared by the catering staff and served in the Sandover Dining Hall. The boys' School clothes and linen are sent out to be laundered.

Parry is a residential house only. All Year 6, 7 and 8 boys, and boys new to boarding in Year 9, reside in Parry House. The Senior School boys are allocated to either McClemons House or Walters House for tutorial groups and House activities and eventually move in to those Houses.

Parry Boarding Housemaster Dean Bowker refers to Parry as the 'soft landing' because it takes young boys who are living away from home for the first time. They may stay in Parry for up to three years,

Ian Stewart and James Davies relax at morning recess in the McClemons Housemother's room in front of the board of photographs which Carol Holloway has amassed during her sixteen years as Housemother.



giving them time to adjust to boarding and to become self-reliant before taking their place with the more experienced boarders.

Parry House accommodates up to fifty boys in dormitories of four to nine beds. The younger boys derive comfort from one other's company and the friendly and safe atmosphere helps them to overcome homesickness.

Learning to live in harmony with others is considered important but can sometimes be difficult for youngsters coming from a small family into a boarding community. They must learn to share in the broadest sense, an accomplishment which will stand them in good stead throughout life.

The House is run to a set routine with firm regulations so that the boys learn to respect the system, the staff, each other and themselves. The daily routine is organised on a roster basis, the boys taking turns for privileges as well as for duties. They also learn to launder their own casual clothes and to manage their pocket money. All boys spend two supervised forty-five minute sessions each week night doing homework or quietly reading or letter writing.

McClemons House can accommodate up to sixty-seven boys and Walters House up to seventy-five boys. These two Senior Boarding Houses operate on similar lines.

The boys are accommodated in single or double cubicles. Each house has a large recreation room with a variety of activities such as table soccer, table tennis, pool, television and computer games. Each also has a good reference library as well as books for borrowing. The boys have access to several computers for School projects and assignments. Some boys have their own.

McClemons and Walters boys are rostered on a year group basis for a range of duties such as keeping the recreation rooms tidy, monitoring the libraries, answering the telephone, emptying rubbish bins and assisting the Duty Master to make sure that everyone is up, showered and dressed in time for breakfast. The boys are responsible for budgeting their pocket money and laundering their casual clothes.

Team spirit in the Boarding Houses is strong and they usually do well in Inter-House competitions.

Strict rules govern when boarders may leave the campus and where they may go but the rules are more flexible for the older boys. A range of optional outings and excursions is organised by the staff.

Boarders' parents' representatives serve on the Parents' Association and Mothers' Auxiliary committees which give excellent support to the Boarding Houses including providing extra facilities and amenities. ■

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The Boarding Housemasters

In addition to the considerable range of duties of Head of a Day House, Boarding Housemasters are also responsible for the physical facilities of their House, for the daily routines, out of school hours supervision and twenty-four hours a day pastoral care of the students in their care. Each is assisted by a Housemother and three Resident Tutors.

Although the Boarding Housemasters and their families have private accommodation on campus their interaction with the boarders is such that the boys become like extended family members.

Graham Ferguson is the Head of Walters House and Senior Boarding Master. As Senior Boarding Master he co-ordinates general boarding areas and procedures such as the Dining Hall, the Medical Centre, excursions and contact with parent organisations. He consults frequently with the other Boarding Housemasters on an informal basis.

Graham was Vice Principal of a large coeducational school in South Africa. He came to Western Australia in 1984 and joined the Christ Church staff as a Mathematics teacher. He became Walters Boarding Housemaster in 1987 and Senior Boarding Master in 1989.

Graham's wife Jane is also a member of staff, a teacher of Mathematics and a Walters House Tutor. At present she is on study leave completing her Master of Arts at the University of Western Australia. Jane and Graham's daughter Julie is a Year 10 pupil at MLC and their son Grant is in Year 7 at Christ Church.

Neil Saggars is Head of McClemons House. Neil was educated at Hale School. After gaining his Bachelor of Education degree he joined the Christ Church staff in 1982 as a Science and Mathematics teacher and Assistant Boarding Housemaster in

Walters. From 1984-87 he lived and worked at Koorngal, initially as Assistant Director of Outdoor Education and then, in 1986-87, as Director. He returned to the Claremont campus in 1988 as Housemaster of Craigie and teacher of Year 11 and 12 Mathematics. He became Head of McClemons house in Term 3, 1994.

Neil's enthusiasm for physical fitness, outdoor pursuits and the environment are reflected in his initiation and support of numerous co-curricular programs. He has a special interest in pastoral care issues. He is also studying part-time for his Masters in Educational Administration.

Neil's wife Janie enjoys taking an active role in the House and both find their relatively new lifestyle very fulfilling. Neil and Janie have a five year old son and a three year old daughter.

Dean Bowker has been Housemaster of Parry Boarding House for the past fifteen years. For four of those years he was Senior Boarding Master.

Dean attended Christ Church from 1948-55. After graduating from Claremont Teachers College he taught in a country school for two years. He joined the Christ Church staff as a Preparatory School teacher in 1960. Dean spent 1965-66 on an overseas working holiday. He returned to Christ Church in 1967 to teach in the Senior School. He was Sportsmaster from 1971-84 and has been Master-in-Charge of Swimming since 1970.

Since 1986 Dean has been Director of the Christ Church Grammar School Foundation, combining the duties of this position with his boarding house responsibilities. He has been Honorary Secretary of the Old Boys' Association since 1979.

Dean is married to Jill who has been a receptionist at Christ Church for the past ten years. Their sons Clay and Jon are Old Boys of the School. ■



Graham Ferguson, Head of Walters House and Senior Boarding Master.



Neil Saggars, Head of McClemons House.



Dean Bowker, Head of Parry House.



Boarding Housemothers and Resident Tutors - l-r (back) James Harvey (Walters), Simon Rea (1981-86) (Walters), Michael Petrie (1987-90) (McClemons), James Hodgkinson (Parry), Dan Minchin (1982-90) (McClemons), Matthew Barron (Walters); (front) Judith Mackie (Walters), Carol Holloway (McClemons), Jenny Turner (Parry) and Cheryl Freap (Walters). Judith and Cheryl share the position of Walters Housemother.

Members of the Christ Church Grammar School Council: (standing) Gordon McLarty, Andrew Edwards, Ray West, Michael Croudace, David Craig, Vince Evans (Bursar): (seated) Glenda Campbell-Evans, Pip Hollingsworth (Vice Chairman), John Saleeba (Chairman), Tim Campbell (Treasurer) and Jeremy Madin (Headmaster). In absentia: Denis Culley, Con Michael, David Wood.



Profile: New Members of Council

As Council members give so generously of their time, expertise and energy in the governance of Christ Church Grammar School, yet work with such discretion that they may not be known to members of the School family, profiles of the twelve members of Council were featured in CHRONICLE during 1991 and 1992.

Since then Peter Brazier, Robert Lawrence, Michael Partis and John Warner have retired from Council after long and valued service. Profiles of the four new Councillors follow.

GLENDA CAMPBELL-EVANS

Glenda Campbell-Evans, B.Ed. (Alberta), M.Ed., Ed.D. (Toronto), MIEA, joined Council this year. She is one of the three Synod nominees and serves on the Finance and the Education sub-committees.

Dr Campbell-Evans' early professional experience was in teaching and administration in Canadian schools. She came to Western Australia in 1988. She is a member of the Faculty of Education at Edith Cowan University, working in the Department of Educational Policy and Administrative Studies where she is responsible for the graduate program for practicing and aspiring school administrators. She is involved in teaching, research, community service responsibility and Professional Development. Her research concerns reflective practice and issues relating to teacher education and issues of leadership and school improvement.

With her commitment to education Dr Campbell-Evans saw the opportunity to serve on the Council of Christ Church Grammar School both as a means to contribute to the affairs of the School and to be a learner too.

Dr Campbell-Evans enjoys walking and swimming and does so frequently. She also likes to travel as often as possible, especially to meet with professional colleagues and members of her immediate family in Canada.



Glenda Campbell-Evans.



Andrew Edwards.

Glenda Campbell-Evans is married to Perth educator Dr Ken Evans who is currently Director of the Education Act Review Project.

ANDREW EDWARDS

Andrew Edwards, B.Com., F.C.A., joined Council this year. He is one of the three Synod nominees and a member of both the Finance and Education sub-committees.

Mr Edwards attended Christ Church from 1965-70 and gained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Western Australia in 1973. Since then he has worked with Chartered Accountants Coopers & Lybrand in Perth, Sydney and Auckland and he has been a partner in the firm for the past ten years. His area of practice is Corporate Advisory.

Mr Edwards is Chairman of the WA Education Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and sits on the National Education Committee. He is also a Divisional Councillor of the Securities Institute of Australia.

With a particular and general interest in education, the compelling connection of being an Old Boy of the School and a desire to contribute, Mr Edwards is pleased to be serving on the Christ Church Council. He hopes that his background in finance will be of use to the School.

In his leisure time Mr Edwards plays tennis and competitive bridge. He also plays guitar but points out that it is some time since he played with a group. He has enjoyed extensive travels through the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States of America.

Andrew Edwards is married to Mandy. Their daughters Madeline and Elizabeth attend St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls and East Claremont Primary School and their son Simon commenced in Year 8 at Christ Church this year.

RAY WEST

Ray West, B.Bus., A.S.A., C.D., F.T.M.A., joined Council this year as the Parents' Association representative. He serves on the Buildings and Grounds and the Education sub-committees.

Mr West worked for the Commercial Union Insurance Company for sixteen years. For the next two years he was Director, Company Secretary and Accountant for the Film Corporation of Western Australia Limited which financed feature films. Since 1983 he has been self-employed as a Private Accountant. He holds voluntary positions as member of the Nedlands Primary School Council, Chairman of a corporate body and Treasurer of the Claremont Uniswim Swimming Club.

In 1994 Mr West took on the awesome task of co-ordinating the Christ Church Family Fair. This position enabled him to develop a close association with many parents and members of staff. He not only enjoyed those associations but came to realise that he wanted to play an active role in the future development of the School. He therefore welcomed the opportunity to serve on the Parents' Association Committee and to be their representative on School Council. He is interested in all development areas of the School and is very keen to make a contribution.

In his limited leisure time Mr West enjoys playing tennis and bike riding and he is a keen follower of basketball.

Ray West is married to Petrina. Their two daughters are students at Curtin University and their son Brayden is in Year 10 at Christ Church.

DAVID WOOD

David Wood, B.A. (Melb), M.A. (Hons), B.D. (Melbourne College of Divinity), joined Council this year as one of the two Diocesan Council nominees. He serves on the Buildings and Grounds and the Education sub-committees.

Father David is the Rector of Claremont, Examining Chaplain to the Archbishop of Perth and Diocesan Director of Vocations. Before taking up these appointments in July 1994 Father Wood served as parish priest in the Diocese of Melbourne, first at Sorrento and later at Croydon.

Father David has long been involved in ecumenical dialogue between the churches at local, state and national levels, and inter-faith dialogue, particularly with Jews and Muslims. He served for a number of years on the Executive Committee of the Council of Christians and Jews.

Father David's personal interests include icon painting, reading, music and theatre.

Currently he is working on his Doctorate in the Missionary Theology of Bishop John Vernon Taylor.

Father David is married to Pamela, a Specialist Art Teacher at All Saints College. ■

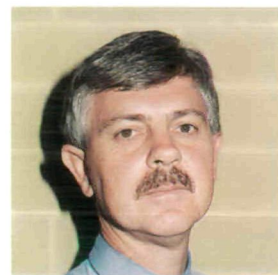
Academic Highlights

Oliver Mailes emerged from the Chemistry Summer School at Deakin University as the top student in the final twenty. He then had to face a battery of tests to establish the 'Final Four' for the Australian team. Oliver passed these tests with flying colours. He has been selected as one of the team of four to represent Australia at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Beijing, China, in July.

Timothy Hillman, Matthew Tilbrook, David Thackaberry and Peter Andrewartha were invited by the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee to be four of the seven Western Australians to tackle the Australian Mathematical Olympiad in February. The competition consisted of two four-hour papers. Tim was awarded a Silver Medal and Matthew and David were each awarded Bronze Medals.

Tim and Matthew were then invited to enter the Australian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, competed for in March by twelve countries around the Pacific Rim. From that competition Tim was selected as one of the top twelve senior students from throughout Australia to be invited to attend this year's Selection School at Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore) in April to select the six member team to represent Australia at the 36th International Mathematical Olympiad in Toronto, Canada, in July.

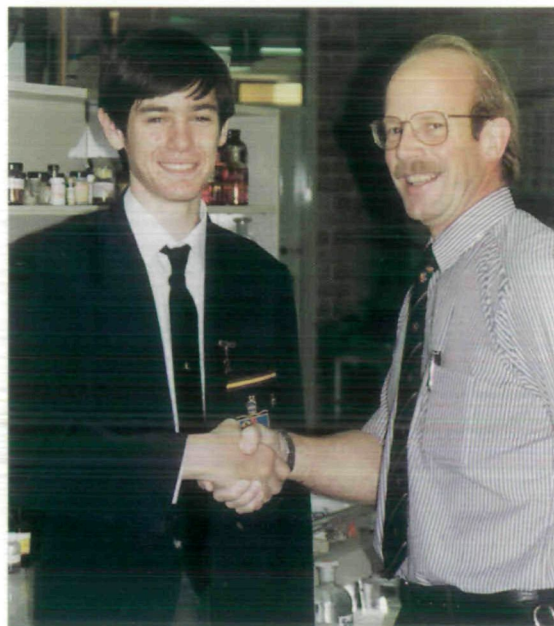
John Ma was invited to the Physics Summer School, as one of the top thirty students in Australia. Ten students were selected to undertake further Olympiad development. John came eleventh. ■



Ray West.



David Wood.



Oliver Mailes is congratulated by his Chemistry teacher Dr Peter Lewis, Dean of Studies.

1994 TEE Results

Although fewer boys gained exhibitions and distinctions than in some recent years the TEE results for 1994 as a whole were pleasing and as good as in previous years.

Timothy Day, Mark Reed and Richard Ng were awarded General Exhibitions and Ben Reynolds was awarded an Exhibition in Politics.

Certificates of Distinction were awarded to Timothy Day (Biology, Economics and Politics), Yi-Jin Kuok (Calculus), Robert Connell (Discrete Maths), Alan Lau and Joe O'Brien (English), Mark Reed (History), Laurence Salley (Physics) and Ben Reynolds (Politics).

Tony Cocks, Robert Connell, Timothy Day, Craig Gibson, Syed Ibrahim, Calvin Ko, Yi-Jin Kuok, Richard Aik Leng Ng, Stuart Prosser, Mark Reed, Ben Reynolds, Laurence Salley, Melvin Tan and Michael Thompson each gained Certificates of Excellence.

Nine students (5.1%) obtained scores in excess of 450, twenty-six students (14.8%) obtained scores in excess of 400 and sixty-one students (35% of total) obtained scores in excess of 350. ■

A New Breed of Citizen

At a Sydney conference in 1991 to mark the centenary of the National Australasian Constitutional Convention which produced the first draft of the Australian Constitution in 1881, it was resolved that a public process of education, review and development of the Australian constitutional system should be pursued - hence the birth of the Constitutional Centenary Foundation.

In February 1994 a West Australian Chapter was convened. In the words of its Chairman, the Chief

Justice David Malcolm, "the Foundation wants all Australians to be informed, interested and involved in the developing debate about what our shared values are, what citizenship of Australia means and whether our system of government is best suited to meet the challenges of the 21st Century".

The Chapter sponsored the first in a series of West Australian Schools Constitutional Conventions at Parliament House in September 1994. Year 11 students David Leonard, Josh Hunt, Jon O'Brien and David Leeder attended from Christ Church and were addressed by the Rt. Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen and others on a variety of topics such as the need for a Bill of Rights, the difficulties of living under a Federal system of government, and whether it was time to review our Constitution.

In February the WA Chapter sponsored a seminar on the "External Affairs Power - should it be limited?" and Year 12 students Quintin Muhling, Jamie Rosewell, Lee Palmer and David Leonard were among the attendees to be addressed by Professor Cheryl Saunders, Mr Malcolm McCusker QC and the Honourable Mr Daryl Williams QC.

It is encouraging to see a new breed of citizen emerge from Christ Church - informed, confident young contributors in discussion of Constitutional issues. ■

Hands-on History

Dramatic changes have taken place in the Year 8 History component of the Social Science curriculum which should help students to connect with the subject. Over the years the study of History has progressed from the passive learning of facts and dates to an approach which is essentially investigative and promotes the active involvement of students in

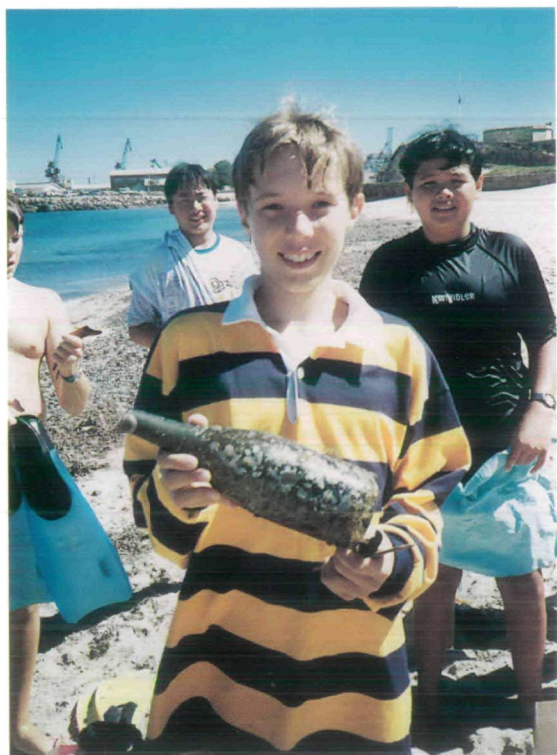


Year 12 Law students Lee Palmer, David Leeder, David Leonard, Quintin Muhling, Jon O'Brien, Jamie Rosewell and Josh Hunt with their teacher Shannon Hayes.

uncovering the past.

To this end Year 8 boys are immersed in a range of activities which provide opportunities to work as historians.

The introductory 'What is History?' course is followed by a program in Maritime Archaeology which has been developed in collaboration with Old Boy Michael Lefroy (1962-65), Education Officer at the Fremantle Maritime Museum. Weather permitting the course includes a snorkelling exercise over the site



of the long jetty and the boys have already located some interesting artefacts which provide a window onto the early development of Fremantle.

The investigative approach is continued with the use of the School Archives. Boys research one aspect of the School's history utilising the abundance of rich primary evidence which is now available.

The academic competencies acquired by such processes are then put to the test by means of major historical investigations which are carefully designed to promote higher order thinking skills.

It is hoped that, as a result of this curriculum innovation, students will not only develop the appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes, but will also regard History as an enjoyable subject which can be pursued during their adult lives. ■

New Head of Wolsey

The new Head of Wolsey House is Roger Dixon. He replaces Bill Mailes who was Head of House from 1988-94. Bill is now the of Head of Mathematics.

Since joining the School staff in 1966 Roger has held many positions, including Head of English, Housemaster of Romsey, Housemaster of McClemons and Senior Boarding Master.

For five years Roger was a member of the Joint Syllabus Committee which effected major changes in the English Literature syllabus, and for many years he has been an examiner in TEE English and English Literature. In 1974 he taught in England and in 1985 he worked as an exchange teacher at the Noble and Greenough School in Boston, USA .

Roger has been involved in School publications for a number of years as co-editor, then editor, of MITRE and editor of IMPRESSIONS. During 1990-91 he served as the Staff Development Officer and he was a Staff Mentor from 1992-94.

Roger enjoys the stimulation and challenge of being a Head of House. He finds the role has become more significant because of the way the House system has been developed and the vigorous nature of the Pastoral Committee. He believes that the system has become the core of Christ Church.

Roger's three sons are Old Boys of the School. ■



Roger Dixon, Head of Wolsey House.



Bill Mailes, Head of Mathematics.

School for Science Teachers

Kerry Clarke, Head of Biology, attended the Second National Summer School for Secondary Science Teachers at the Australian National University in Canberra in January.

The Summer School was attended by forty-one teachers from every State and Territory. The participants appreciated the opportunity to interact with some of the nation's leading scientists whilst the ANU researchers were excited at being able to share the latest research with such an eager audience.

Kerry Clarke has long been at the cutting edge of secondary school science teaching. He was awarded a CRA Fellowship in 1991-92 to investigate Biotechnology Curriculum development in the United States. He has since written and introduced a Year 10 Biotechnology Science course at Christ Church and conducted workshops for science teachers from other schools. ■

Philip Anderson, accompanied by fellow Year 8 History students Brendan Archer, Joshua Chye and Sean Chee, proudly shows the 19th century bottle he found during a Maritime Archaeology snorkelling exercise off the long jetty at Fremantle.



Simon Clarke, Senior Teacher in the Social Science Department, developed the new Year 8 History program.

New Members of Staff



*Sharyn Bana
Senior School
Science & Mathematics*



*Ryan Bookless
Koorngal
Outdoor Education Assistant*



*Rosemary Cawley
Senior School
Social Science*



*Henry Compton
Koorngal
Outdoor Education Assistant*



*Marguerite Davies
Senior School
English*



*Kerry Day
Senior School
IT Assistant*



*Sue Jensen
Senior School
Science Laboratory Assistant*



*Jan Kaye
Senior School
Senior Librarian*



*Robert Lehman
Senior School
School Marshal*



*Susan Porteous
Preparatory School
Year 5*



*Ruari Reid
Preparatory School
Year 4*



*Peter Thorne
Senior School
Science*



*Peta Tomich
Preparatory School
Year 1 Teacher Aide*



*Brett Walker
Senior School
Library Assistant*



*Martin Whiteley
Senior School
Economics & Accounting*



*Elaine Whitmore
Senior School
ESU Aide*

SCHOOL

Decade of Drama at CCGS

The creation of the Drama and Media Department in 1986, with Tony Howes as Director, began a decade of increased activity. Two years later the Midnite Youth Theatre Company was established, providing community outreach as well.

1995, Drama's tenth year, began with a month long tour to the United Kingdom with two productions, Dorothy Hewett's *SONG OF THE SEALS* and the group devised *FRIENDS, BUT NOT NEIGHBOURS*. The players were welcomed in a special ceremony in Lincoln's ancient Cathedral by the Queen's representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. The WA Agent-General and representatives from the Australian High Commission were in the Cathedral and at the first performances of both plays. The Company enjoyed great hospitality and critical praise (including that from the BBC!) from Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Shropshire, Essex and in London.

Among the many highlights of the tour was the meeting with MYTC's patron, the renowned international Australian actor Leo McKern; witnessing in London's famous Guildhall the granting of the "Freedom of the City of London" to Director Tony Howes for his services to youth theatre;

performing as the principal celebration for Australia Day in the Commonwealth Institute Theatre, London and, on the way home, being honoured with a special luncheon by the Australian High Commissioner to Brunei.

The season of both plays in February at the School was given added significance by the attendance of His Excellency the Governor, Major-General Michael Jeffery and Mrs Jeffery, and Headmaster Jeremy Madin's announcement that Director Tony Howes was to receive the Advance Australia Award for the Performing Arts for his work in youth theatre and theatre education.

For this tenth year, a special production of the Dario Fo black comedy *ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST* directed by trainee director Michael Smith was staged in the Drama Centre in February. Immediately afterwards auditions were held for T S Eliot's *MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL*. The cast of forty performed in St George's Cathedral from 10 -13 May.

Plans include the visit of an outstanding Australian performer as Artist-in Residence, a production by actress-director Jenny Davis of Brecht's *MOTHER COURAGE*; the farce *AN ALIEN STOLE MY SKATEBOARD*; a gala dinner and the launching of a major film-making project. ■



The Chamberlain of the City of London congratulates Tony Howes on his award of the Freedom of the City of London for his services to youth theatre.



The Midnite Youth Theatre Company with Patron Leo McKern, London, January 1995.

Jazz One musicians Trombonist Peter Yuncken, Saxophonists Myles Wright, David Baldwin and Ashley Ward and pianist John Mah rehearse for the May music tour to Mt Gambier where they will participate in the Generations in Jazz stage band competitions. Jazz One will then be joined by the String Orchestra and Concert Band for a week of workshops and concerts at five schools in Adelaide where they will be hosted by St Peter's College.



Leadership Opportunities Broadened

Research has shown that those pupils who have leadership experience at school most often take leadership responsibilities in the after-school world.

Every effort is made at Christ Church to give boys leadership experience. Although there are many opportunities the most visible student leaders are the Prefects.

Leadership opportunities for senior boys have now been enhanced by the expansion of the Prefect system.

In Term 3, after leadership issues and roles have been discussed with the Year 10 and 11 boys in House groups, Year 11 boys may nominate for House Prefect for the following year and their names are also included on the School Prefect voting sheet.

At the beginning of Term 4 an election by secret ballot is held. Student and staff votes are recorded separately. All members of the House (Years 8 - 12) vote in rank order for six House nominees. Year 10 and 11 boys also vote for School Prefects, selecting twelve names and indicating their preference for Captain of School and Senior Prefect.

Following staff deliberations at House and Executive levels and ratification by the Headmaster, eight House Prefects, including Captain and Vice

Captain, are selected for each of the ten Houses. At the Year 12 Final Assembly the Headmaster announces the House Captains and nominates them as School Prefects, to be inducted the following week with the other appointees. Other School Prefects may be announced later. House Prefects are announced at the next House meeting.

House and School Prefects commence duties when the Year 12 group leaves School. School Prefects attend an intensive team-building Prefects' Camp at the end of Term 4.

House and School Prefects, working in teams, have a number of joint responsibilities which include supporting the School rules, setting and enforcing standards of dress and behaviour, paying attention to those boys who seem to be having difficulties, and endeavouring at all times to make the campus a safe place for all.

House Prefects are expected to discuss all House matters with the Head of House, work to build House spirit and loyalty and represent their House whenever required. They assist at Tutorials, supervise their House locker area, lead House activities and assist with special House functions.

School Prefects are expected to discuss all

School matters with the Headmaster and express their view openly and forthrightly on the Prefects' committee. Their duties include co-operating with staff to maintain campus standards, Prefect Detentions and liaising with the Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster to carry out particular duties at School functions and when the School is represented in public.

It is hoped that by the time a boy leaves Christ Church he is able to lead himself. If he has also had leadership experience at School he may be well along the way to taking leadership responsibilities in the wider community. ■

Student Senate

The following boys have been elected to the 1995 Student Senate:

Year 12:

John Davidson, Naveen Khanna, Mathew Brbich.

Year 11:

Scott Gibson, Simon Howard, Jerome Partridge.

Year 10:

Paul McWilliams, Ben O'Brien, Dane King.

Year 9:

Hsein-Wern Chan, Jeremy Bond, Peter Duzevich.

The Senate meets fortnightly during lunch time. It discusses issues raised by the students and advises the Headmaster on these issues. ■

Vive la Différence

Christ Church aims to provide an environment in which each boy can develop as a young man of integrity, social conscience and courage. To this end the School aspires to establish a community in which everybody feels valued and safe, and where individual differences are appreciated, understood and accepted.

It is integral to the School's view that individual differences are valuable and enrich the community.

With this in mind an examination of intimidating behaviour was commenced in 1993 and a widely consultative process has led to the defining of a new policy on bullying and harassment.

The policy was developed by Deputy Headmaster Ray House, Heads of two Senior School Houses Paul Draper and Mark Morrissy, and School Counsellor Dean Moore. Members studied research findings and the experiences of other schools; Preparatory and Senior School staff members assisted the Committee by participating in seminars and workshops; Dean Moore conducted a major survey of Preparatory and Secondary School boys' understanding of the issues; drafts of the proposed leaflet were trialled in class and tutorial groups; and the Parents' Association Committee provided valuable feedback, as did the Education Committee of School Council. Full Council approved the policy in September 1994.

The School does not tolerate bullying or harassment. Respect for others is expected. The policy leaflet has now been issued to boys and parents, all staff members have received practical and comprehensive guidelines on the policy and various specific detection and prevention strategies have been introduced to deal with bullying and teach children alternative ways to resolve conflicts.

It is believed that the key to making School a happier place for those boys who feel pressured by others is awareness of the issue by all, combined with clarity about each boys' rights and responsibilities. The corollaries of such awareness and clarity are increased assertiveness about rights, increased confidence about the reporting of incidents, a positive change in the culture of reporting inappropriate behaviour, and a diminution of the bully's 'power'.

The leaflet A POLICY ON BULLYING AND HARASSMENT can be obtained from the School. ■



Ray House, Deputy Headmaster.



Paul Draper, Head of Queenslea House.



Mark Morrissy, Head of Moyes House.



Dean Moore, Counsellor.

With hammer at the ready to break the bottle of champagne Akos Kovacs is joined by David Tomich, Scott Simpson, Old Boy Andrew Schupp (1985-89), Ben Smith and Robert Bates-Smith for the christening of the Racing VIII named in his honour.



Cricketers Play in Adelaide

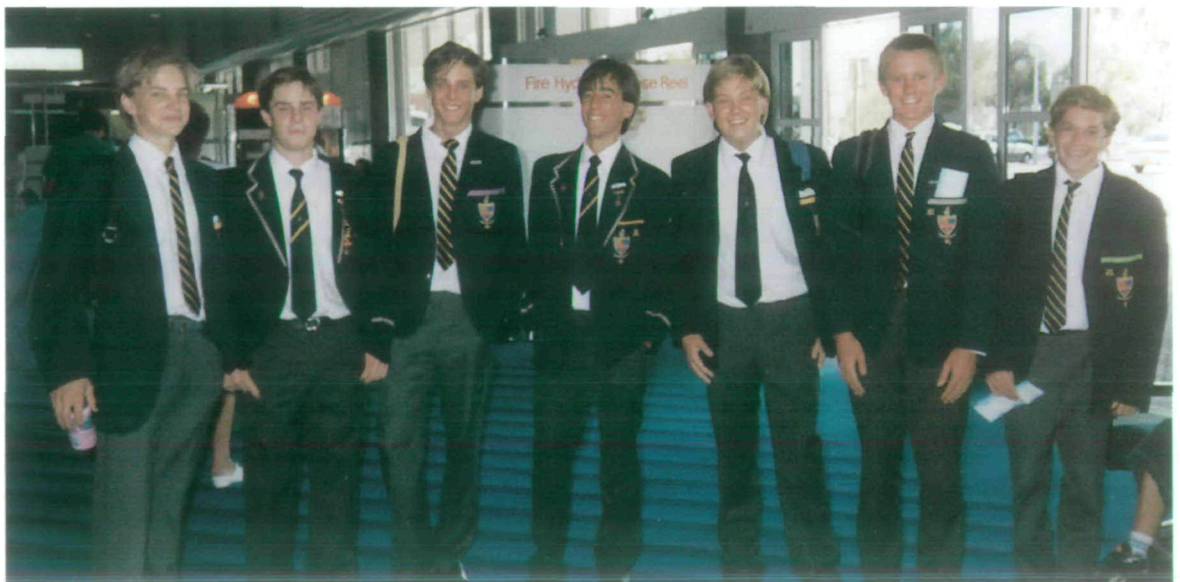
A group of eleven Christ Church cricketers played three matches in Adelaide in January. After a team-building training session in Glenelg the team played against the South Australian Under-15 side. The Christ Church team won the game and Tim Elsegood was the top scoring player with fifty-five runs and four wickets. Two two-day matches against Pultney Grammar School and Prince Alfred College followed. Although Christ Church lost both games the boys gained valuable experience. ■

Racing VIII 'Akos Kovacs'

As a tribute to the time and effort given by Akos Kovacs to the Rowing Shed during the last three years, and in recognition his very long and noteworthy association with Christ Church, a boat has been christened after him. Akos considers it a great honour.

A fitting ceremony was held on 18 March at the Rowing Shed. The Racing VIII was christened with champagne by Akos. Some old acquaintances were invited to refresh distant memories. ■

Andrew Shea, Bryn Hardcastle, Tim Elsegood, Emanuel Petros, Kane Marshall, Andrew Greig and Sam Smart were members of the cricket team which played in Adelaide.



Swimmers Scoop the Pool

When Shane McGurk was asked to co-ordinate the coaching of the School swim team in 1983 Christ Church had been languishing at the bottom of the competition. Since 1984 the School has not been out of a place and the enthusiasm for the sport is such that there were more than one hundred swimmers and nine coaches involved with this year's squad.

1995 was a vintage year for Christ Church in the pool. Members of the team had taken out numerous state titles at the State Schools and Colleges Relay Competition, including the prestigious "Pops Agnew

effort full of character to register a close but satisfying victory at the PSA Inters.

Unlike 1988, when we won the Inters by a massive 217 points and the gap between first and last place was 562 points, this year we accounted for Aquinas by a mere 84 points, with Trinity just 237 points in last place. It was great to see all schools sharing the points.

While the team was capably led by Nat Benjanuvatra (Captain), Jonothan van Hazel and Cobey King (joint Vice Captains), there was no better performer on the night than Stephen de Wolf who won the Under 16 1st Division 100m. Freestyle, 50m



Stephen de Wolf, Graham Moncur (Coach), Nat Benjanuvatra (Captain), Cobey King (joint Vice Captain) and Shane McGurk (Senior Coach).



Jonothan van Hazel, (joint Vice Captain).

Trophy" (a 6 x 50m freestyle relay) in record time. A small group of endurance swimmers, accompanied by Shane, came third in the relay section of the Swim to Rottneest (from Cottesloe Beach), quite an outstanding effort when the majority of the four hundred and eighty plus competitors were adults!

We enjoyed a comfortable win over Scotch, Wesley and Trinity in the Quads competition for the John Ryan Shield (our tenth successive win) and topped it all off on Friday 17 March with a team

Backstroke (in record time) and 50m Butterfly, before going on to defeat all comers in the Open 200m Freestyle.

Mention should also be made of the strength and depth of the Open Division competitors who put on a tremendous performance to win both the Medley and Freestyle relays. For these boys it was a fitting climax to five years commitment to swimming at Christ Church. They epitomised the team spirit that has existed since 1984. ■

The Swim Team presented the Dr K G Tregonning Cup to Mr Madin at the Assembly following their win at the 1995 PSA Inters. Formerly named the Western Australian Secondary Schools Swimming Cup, this trophy was renamed in 1989 in recognition of the service of Dr Tregonning as Headmaster of Hale School from 1967 to 1988. Dr Ken Tregonning is a Christ Church Old Boy, having attended the Preparatory School from 1931-35 before completing his education at Hale School.

Brother Paul, Headmaster of Aquinas, presents the Corr Cup to Alistair Dickie, Captain of Tennis. Paul Draper, Master-in-Charge of Tennis, and members of the 1st VIII Tennis Team, Josh Hunt, William Gleeson, Mark Andrich, Jaymon Crabb, Keaton Wallace, Morgan Ladyman, Jaxon Crabb and Scott Gibson, share the occasion.



Christ Church Wins Corr Cup

For the second time since its inaugural presentation in 1963, Christ Church has won the W R Corr Cup for Tennis. The previous win was in 1987.

The 1st VIII - Alistair Dickie (Captain), Jaymon Crabb (Vice Captain), Scott Gibson, William Gleeson, Keaton Wallace, Josh Hunt, Jaxon Crabb, Morgan Ladyman and Mark Andrich - was coached by Old Boy David Culley (1982-87) who captained the winning 1987 Corr Cup Team, and by Lito Alvarez, a School parent and former Argentinian Davis Cup player. The team was managed by Master-in-Charge of Tennis, Paul Draper.

The 1995 Tennis season was dominated by Christ Church, Aquinas and Hale and they finished in that order. It was a close competition and the outcome depended on the match with Aquinas which Christ Church won 13 sets to 11. Coincidentally this was the margin in Aquinas' favour in 1994 when Aquinas played Christ Church to win the Corr Cup.

Tennis is in a healthy state at Christ Church in as much as the School has won the 1993-94 Slazenger Cup for Champion WA School, the 1993-94 Ray Gamble Trophy for Best PSA School and now the pinnacle, the W R Corr for 1995.

Also worthy of mention is the Year 10 team, coached by young Old Boy Craig Gibson (1989-94), 1994 Captain of Tennis, which was unbeaten. ■



Jaymon Crabb.

Scholarship for Tennis

Jaymon Crabb, Year 12, has been awarded an Australian Institute of Sports Scholarship for Tennis.

Jamom and his parents have chosen the 'live-at-home' Scholarship, which means Jaymon will travel to Canberra several times during the year for training.

Last year Jaymon achieved good results during a tennis tour through Germany.

In the recent Corr Cup competition Jaymon did not lose a set in singles or doubles and made the most outstanding contribution to PSA Tennis.

In the final of the 1995 Christ Church Open Singles Championships, Jaymon defeated Alistair Dickie, Year 12, by two sets to love. This is the third consecutive year that Jaymon has won the Tennis Challenge Cup which was first presented in 1939. The match was superbly played and the small band of supporters thoroughly enjoyed watching the two fine young competitors in action. ■

Careers Expo

For some years the School Counsellors have run a Tertiary Information Seminar for our boys and (in consultation with Counsellors from nearby schools) for pupils of Methodist Ladies' College, Presbyterian Ladies' College and Scotch College. To enhance the

effectiveness of the two-day event, a Careers Expo has been added to the program.

The Expo was set up in the Gymnasium. On the evening of Wednesday 5 April 1995 all Years 8 to 12 boys had the opportunity to come with their parents to talk with some fifty representatives from a diverse range of occupations and advisers from various education and training institutions. Students from neighbouring schools were also invited to attend.

Year 12 students had another opportunity to visit the Expo 'stands' the following day as part of the Tertiary Information Seminar program. This allowed the boys to obtain information about career opportunities in conjunction with the information they received about courses of further study. ■

Thieves Thwarted

At the request of Deputy Headmaster Ray House, Senior Constable Mike Mayes from Western Community Policy recently visited the School to engrave parents' licence plate numbers on their son's bikes in an attempt to ward off potential thieves. ■



Christ Church Basketballers were unbeaten in the inaugural Shortland-Jones Competition in Term 4, 1994. Ian Shortland-Jones, the Scotch College master after whom the competition is named, presents the pennant to Basketball Captain Matthew Farrelly who is accompanied by (l) Coach Michael Ristovsky and (r) Vice Captain Haaron Bokhari.



Senior Constables Mayes engraves David Brunovs' bike while Simon Khangure, David Hng and others wait their turn. Photograph by courtesy of Local News, Claremont.

Canon Frank Sheehan wears many hats - those of School Chaplain, teacher, lecturer and broadcaster, to name a few. Here he embraces the Annear family at the baptism of Kim and John Annear's son. John (1971-76) former Vice Captain of the West Coast Eagles, and his brothers Steven (1974-78) and Peter (1975-79) are Old Boys of the School. Frank Sheehan conducted the marriage of John and Kim and baptised all four of their sons. More recently he married Peter and Nicole in the School Chapel.



Centre for Ethics

The Director of the new Christ Church Centre for Ethics is the School Chaplain, Canon Frank Sheehan. In the last decade he has established a reputation for his innovative approach to religion and education.

He believes that schools have "a duty to raise issues relating to ethics and make a context available for students to discuss them". He acknowledges the role of traditional religious instruction in the discussion of ethical issues, but contends that discussion should involve "more than just giving kids the ten commandments".

Canon Sheehan is Chair of the Nursing Ethics Research Committee at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and lectures in Bio-Ethics at King Edward Memorial Hospital and Curtin University. He is a member of the Archbishop's Commission on the Human Person, a program maker for Radio National on aspects of ethics and spirituality and an occasional lecturer on "Method and Ethics".

For a number of years Frank Sheehan has been running open forums at the School which provide people with the opportunity to raise and explore ethical and religious questions. The success of these forums highlighted the need to develop a systematic program on ethics.

Taking an open approach within the Anglican tradition, the program will include seminars, lectures and discussion groups on questions of religion and ethics for the School and wider community, the publication of a Newsletter, provision of resources for the exploration of ethical issues and an Amnesty Letter Writing Group.

The Centre aims to bring to the School people who offer leadership on ethical questions; to be a place

where students and members of the wider community can gather informally to discuss ethical issues; and to communicate with the wider community so that a variety of approaches to ethical reflection may be placed at the disposal of others. It will be a place to read articles or books and borrow videos. Parents will be able to take part in discussion groups on values and society; address student discussion groups; write articles and review books and films for the Newsletter and offer ideas and reflections in an environment where ethical reflection is valued.

All are welcome at the Centre for Ethics - Christ Church boys and other young people, parents and members of the public. Canon Sheehan especially hopes for parent involvement. He says there is so much talent within the parent body, so much knowledge and expertise and compassion - all valuable resources for the Ethics Centre.

In August Canon Sheehan will attend a conference in Washington, USA, conducted by the Council for Religion in Schools, an Episcopalian (Anglican) organisation encouraging ethical studies in schools. It works closely with many school pastoral care programs.

The Centre for Ethics was launched in the Chapel in March with a seminar on Euthanasia attended by 220 people. The speakers were Dr Lyn Sampson, Senior Medical Officer, Cottage Hospice, Shenton Park, Mr Ralph White, President of the WA Voluntary Euthanasia Society and Mr Daryl Williams, QC, MHR, Member for Tagney. A spirited question time followed and there were many requests for copies of the speeches. Since then various medical and nursing groups have asked to be associated with the Centre and Canon Sheehan has received several invitations to talk about ethics. ■

Parents' Association Capital Grants : 1995

The Parents' Association has awarded grants for the following new projects.

- Academic Administration: Scanmark 2000 Optical Mark Reader with appropriate software and Macintosh interface and including an automatic form feeder.
- Cricket and Physical Education: "Gabba" grass cover for our concrete practice pitches and a Bowling Machine (including trolley and power connection).
- Education Support Unit: Computer upgrade.
- Koorinal: Activities area below main building.
- Koorinal: Water testing equipment : Ribbons of Blue project.
- Physical Education: Climbing Wall in the Gym.
- Preparatory School: Computing upgrade in classrooms, phase 1.
- Preparatory School Library: Completion of Library automation.
- Sailing: Four Redwitch keelboats.
- Senior Boarding Houses (2): Information Technology hardware update for each boarding house.
- Senior School IT Resource Centre: Equip the third Computing Room.
- Senior School IT Resource Centre: "Mobile" Computing Room (10 power books and ancillaries).

The Mothers' Auxiliary has taken responsibility for equipping of the third Computing Room, at a cost of \$65,392. Two years ago the Auxiliary donated almost \$135,000 to equip the first two Computing Rooms. The 1995 gift thus completes a \$200,000 Information Technology upgrade by the Auxiliary.

The Association will continue to fund ongoing commitments, including Staff Professional Development Grants.

In all, the commitments total almost \$193,723, an extraordinarily generous act of support for the boys and staff of the School, from both Parents' Association and Mothers' Auxiliary. ■

Trekking in Nepal

During the Christmas holidays eleven intrepid adventurers, including five Year 12 Christ Church boys and teachers Shane McGurk and Roger Bayly, spent ten days trekking in Nepal.

En route the group enjoyed three days of sightseeing in Bangkok and, after their trek in the Annapurna ranges, they spent a further three days canoeing, riding elephants and viewing the wild life in Chituan National Park, and another two days in Kathmandu. ■

All for a Good Cause

Last year the boys in the Senior School raised over \$12,000 for community services. Fundraising was organised along House lines by the House Prefects and included the sale of chocolates, hot dogs and cool drinks, a Wheelathon, a five kilometre run along the Claremont/Nedlands foreshore, computing classes for parents and donations.

Each House selected an organisation to support, amongst them the Muscular Dystrophy Research Association, Anglicare, the Australia Brain Foundation, the John Foster Memorial Home Society Orphanage for boys in India, Raptor Retreat, the Bali Mobile Eye Clinic, Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation and Wheelchair Sports. ■

The intrepid mountaineers take a break to enjoy the view.





Christ Church Basketball players outside Planet Hollywood in Los Angeles, USA.

Chad Bush, Nick Natrass and Giles Rischbeith appreciated the opportunity to try out the motor bike during their stay at the Sewell's Wongan Hills farm.

Basketball Players Visit USA and Canada

During the Christmas holidays thirteen CCGS boys and coaches Michael Ristovsky, Ben Hodsdon and Christopher Bower enjoyed a basketball tour to the USA and Canada.

After a brief stay in Los Angeles the group spent about a week in Seattle, playing basketball and sightseeing. They went on to Canada and crossed to Victoria Island by ferry. There they spent the next two weeks touring the island and playing basketball before returning to Los Angeles for an exciting week of sightseeing which included visits to Disneyland and Universal Studios.

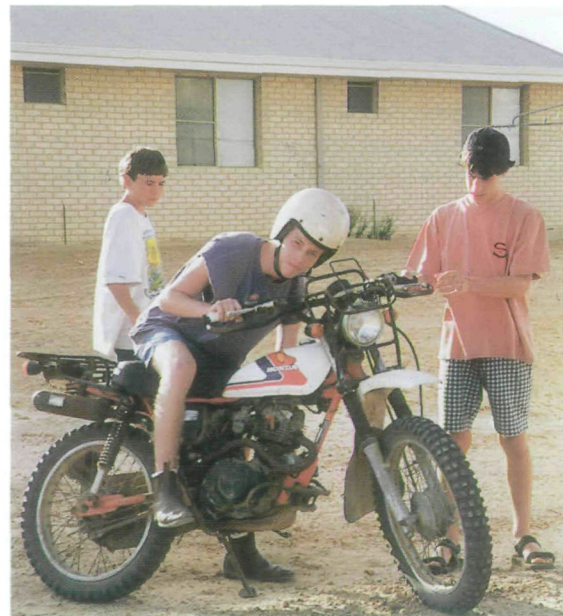
Though they did not gain distinction on the basketball courts the boys had a great time and gained much from their intercontinental experience. ■

Wheatbelt Tour

Twelve students and three members of staff from the Education Support Unit (ESU) spent three days touring in the wheatbelt during February.

The group stayed at the Coorow and Wongan Hills farms of former students Scott Parker (1992-94) and Peter Sewell (1988-92) and greatly enjoyed the hospitality and experiences provided by those Old Boys' parents.

The boys saw sheep and camels, picked figs, were taken up in Mr Sewell's plane, drove the tractor, the header and a motor boke, had shooting practice and lots of fun in the swimming pool.



Over thirty Preparatory and Senior School parents enjoyed the successful ESU Sundowner in early March. As Elizabeth and Robert Sewell also attended parents were able to thank them personally for their wonderful hospitality to the boys on the tour.

The staff of the Education Support Unit also took the students to Korringal for a four day camp. They were joined by three girls and a member of staff from St Mary's.

Late in March the ESU boys competed in a Sports Challenge at Lords against students from five other education support groups. ■

Summer School

The Christ Church campus buzzed during the last weekend in January when approximately 375 people, about thirty of whom became boarders for the duration, took part in the Anglican Summer School.

The recently retired Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd David Jenkins, well known as a lively and stimulating speaker, delivered three addresses on the overall theme of 'Good God!' In addition delegates enjoyed the big program of engaging workshops, a loaves and fishes luncheon, experimental liturgy, a late night Taizé worship and the Saturday evening speaker, renowned Perth novelist Elizabeth Jolley.

It is understood that the Archbishop of Perth, Dr Peter Carnley, was so pleased with the venue that the Anglican Summer School is likely to become a regular fixture on the Christ Church calendar. ■

Marimba Making

Artist-in-Residence, marimba maker and musician Jon Madin from Victoria, recently led a week long music workshop in the Preparatory School, made possible by a grant from the Parents' Association.

The marimba is an African folk music instrument,

a xylophone of three and a half octaves intended to be played by several people at once. Jon has developed a simple pattern and his book "Make Your Own Marimba" gives step by step instructions.

With expert help from Jon, and assisted by Headmaster Geoff Matthews, Music Specialist Helen Pedrotti, other teachers and parents, the boys created four marimbas from a pile of timber, rope, nails, screws and sewerage pipes. The jarrah bars for the notes were chiselled on the back to achieve the correct pitch. This was one of the major skills learned by the boys and some became very proficient, tuning by ear and then checking with an electronic tuner. Jon constructed the fifth, more complex bass marimba.

The Year 5 - 7 classes then attended forty minute marimba music workshops and on the final day each class played the piece they had learned at a concert in the Chapel.

The week was a great example of group participation towards a common goal, being a positive and uplifting experience for all who took part. Jon Madin's expertise and enthusiasm made the week work very smoothly and it was gratifying to see the way the boys became totally involved in the process. They are very proud of their instruments and keen to experiment with marimba music. ■



Boys from Class 5P play the marimbas that they helped to make.



Mothers' Auxiliary Office Bearers (l to r) Caroline Olivier (Secretary), Suzanne Wenn (Vice President), Kerry Chandler (President) and Rosemary Caithness (Treasurer).

Mothers' Auxiliary Enterprise

At the end of a busy 1994 the Mothers' Auxiliary combined their final meeting with a lunch at Salamanders Restaurant. Farewells were made to

retiring Boarders' Parents' Representatives Sue Crombie and Wendy Murray and to retiring Canteen Manageress Laurie Riley.

At the well attended Annual General Meeting in February Kerry Chandler succeeded Suzie Martin as President and Caroline Olivier replaced Jane Webb-Ware as Secretary. Rosemary Caithness continues as Treasurer. Many new committee members were elected. Suzie Martin is now the President of the Parents' Association.

The Clothing Service is being revolutionised by the new computer, thanks to the herculean efforts of retiring Convener Anne Hawksworth and her successor Mary Hillman. Christine Albert is the newly appointed Manageress.

The Canteen continues to flourish under the direction of resourceful Convener Beverley Knesevic and new Manageress Jane Law. In the Refectory the new dinner service and the sound system installed late last year by the Auxiliary are much appreciated by the many groups holding functions in this venue.

At the popular Year Group Morning Teas Preparatory and Senior School teachers spoke to parents on such topics as the Education Support Unit, Computer Studies, Cadets, Non-Academic Activities and Mathematics.

The Auxiliary has introduced Father and Son Breakfasts this year. The first was a Year 12 Breakfast in March in the Refectory. It is hoped that this will



The Year 12 Fathers and Sons breakfast was a great success.

become a tradition.

The Anniversary Art Awards were launched by Kerry Chandler at the Senior School Assembly in March. The theme this year is "Animalia" and the Auxiliary will provide cash prizes in six categories.

Following the enormous success of the Freezer Food initiative for the Family Fair, the Auxiliary will again provide the service as a fund raiser in Term 2. Convener, the ever energetic and hard-working Jane Webb-Ware, has assembled a team of gourmet cooks to provide an array of delicious offerings. The Freezer Food Kitchen will be operating out of the Old Canteen on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. ■

Auxiliary Supports Boarders

Mothers' Auxiliary President Kerry Chandler and her committee are very conscious of the boarding community and offer as much support as they can.

In the past one or two mothers were elected to represent the boarders. This year, under a new arrangement, the position has been broadened. Danielle Zimmermann and Jennifer Pitman have been appointed Country Boarders' Mothers' Representatives while Jane Webb-Ware is the inaugural Overseas Boarders' Representative.

Over the years the Auxiliary has provided many 'extras' to the boarding houses, the most recent being some new curtains, ironing boards and mirrors. In addition an unconditional annual allowance of \$700 is made to each House for the purchase of library books. The Auxiliary has also fostered various changes.

A current Mothers' Auxiliary initiative is the formation of a sub-committee of Auxiliary and Old Boy representatives to look into refurbishing the interior of the Sandover Dining Hall. Another is to urge that rice always be included on the boarders' menu because many overseas students are accustomed to rice in their diet and because it is of nutritional value for everyone.

Recognising that they stand in for parents from remote rural areas and overseas countries, Mothers' Auxiliary members are committed to giving attention to any matter to do with boarding and, where possible, supporting improvements to boarding facilities and routines. ■

Review and Planning

The Parents' Association Committee conducted a major Review and Planning Seminar on the morning of Sunday 12 March. The seminar was well attended

and the discussion lively.

Matters discussed included School organisation, the School's Strategic Planning Goals and the Parents' Association Constitution.

With regard to the Constitution the position of auxiliary committees, the Association year and voting procedures were reviewed. Social programs, Scholarships, Grants, communication with the School family and pastoral care were also discussed. Consideration was given to special-purpose committees, networking within the School community and the nature of meetings. ■

1995 Staff Professional Development Grants

The Parents' Association have generously granted \$14,570 to assist the following Staff Professional Development projects:

- Sue A'Court (Art Department): to work with two artists-in-residence, Miv Egan (mosaic artist) and Ron Gomboc (sculptor).
- Roger Bayly (Athletics): for coaching workshops with Tim Forsyth, athlete, and Sandro Bisetto, National High Jump Coach.
- Hilary Brooke (Preparatory School Art Department): to participate in the Fibres West Conference, Bunbury.
- Simon Clarke (Social Science): to consult with educationists on Enterprise Bargaining and development of the Senior Teacher concept.
- Ben Hodsdon (Mathematics Department): to attend the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers' Conference, Darwin.
- Tony Howes (Director of Drama): to host a prominent Dramatist-in-Residence.
- Ros Keep (Director of Information Technology): to attend the World Information Technology Conference and visits to schools and technology centres in the UK.
- Geoff Matthews (Principal, Preparatory School): to attend two post-graduate courses on co-operative learning in Canada, whilst on Study Leave.
- Lorna Matthews (Education Support Unit): to visit RSA-registered schools and Outdoor Education Centres catering for disabled students whilst on Long-Service Leave in the UK.

In his letter of thanks to the Parents' Association Committee members, the Headmaster made the point that the Professional Development Grants scheme is one of the best things done by the Association. "It sends a clear message to staff that they matter. ■

Old Boys at the B T Walters Chapter Reunion.



The B T Walters Chapter

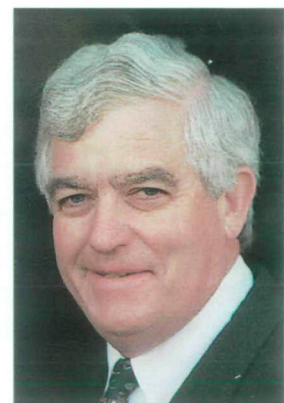
Mr Walters left at the end of 1942 after ten year's work building up the School in numbers, reputation and moral worth; and he left carrying with him the good wishes of the many boys and parents with whom he had been in touch during those years. L R Jupp, Headmaster's Forward, MITRE, December 1943, Volume 12, No.7.

Thirty-one of those boys, Old Boys from the 1933-42 era, attended the B T Walters Chapter reunion at the School on 31 March 1995. Apologies were received from another forty-three, many sending their best wishes and expressing regret that distance, ill health or previous commitments prevented them from attending.

The Old Boys enjoyed a Chapel Service conducted by Canon Frank Sheehan and an Archives Display before lunch in the Sandover Dining Hall during which they they were addressed by Archivist Wendy Hillman and Headmaster Jeremy Madin.

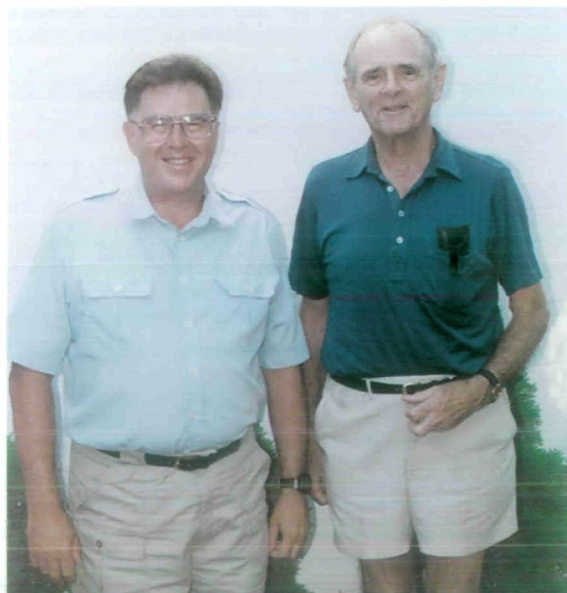
It was a great occasion, with many reminiscences.

In 1973 the Queenslea Boarding House (previously River House) was renamed Walters to commemorate the Headmastership of B T or, as he was affectionately known, 'Wally' or 'Tommy' Walters, Headmaster of Christ Church Grammar School from 1933 to 1942. His years included the end of the Depression and the first half of the Second World War. ■



John Hamilton.

Dr MURRAY CROZIER (1947-54) visited Perth in January. It has been forty years since Murray last visited Christ Church and he found difficulty in identifying it with the School that he knew. While in Perth Murray caught up with old school mates JOHN BELL (1944-55), DEAN BOWKER (1948-55), ROGER HOWLETT (1950-54), COLIN MOORE (1951-55), DARRYL MUIR (1950-52), MICK BEROS (1946-55), GEORGE BOURNE (1947-52), ARTHUR PATE (1948-53), IAN WATSON (1944-54) and JOHN KORN (1952-57). He also took time out to visit former Headmaster Mr Peter Moyes. Murray is a Gynaecologist in Canada and works in closely with another Old Boy living in British Columbia, Dr PETER McCOMB (1956-67).



A Credit to English Master

JOHN ('Chas') HAMILTON (1956-58) says he was guided to a career in journalism by Owen Trimby, his Christ Church English master.

John was selected as a cadet journalist with THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in 1959. In 1962 he joined THE AGE in Melbourne as a reporter and feature writer. Apart from a year as feature writer with the Australian News and Information Bureau in Canberra, he remained with the Age until 1970. During this time he won Australia's highest journalistic honour, the W G Walkley Award for Journalism two years in succession, for stories on the Tasmanian bushfires and the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt.

In 1970 John joined THE HERALD, soon becoming the paper's senior reporter and daily "On the Spot" columnist. He was posted to Washington in 1975 as White House correspondent and travelled extensively throughout the United States and overseas with Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. He had the rare honour of having his farewell article about America incorporated into the Congressional Record by order of the Speaker.

In 1979 John was posted to London as European Editor and Bureau Chief for THE HERALD and WEEKLY TIMES. His stories included the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, the Falklands War, the Irish hunger strikers, the assassination of President Sadat and the imposition of martial law in Poland.

In 1982 John returned to Australia as Group Roving Editor. He won the Rothman's Award for the Best Reporting of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and the National Press Club - Canada Award for International Reporting for articles on East Timor, South Korea, New Caledonia and Venuatu. In 1984 he covered the great famine in Ethiopia.

John was Associate Editor of THE WEST AUSTRALIAN from 1985-88 during which time he covered the America's Cup and wrote a biography of Premier Brian Burke. For the next couple of years he was a public relations consultant for government and private industry and broadcast on current affairs for

ABC radio.

John returned to Melbourne in 1990 as Manager, and later General Manager, for Group Public Affairs for Carlton and United Breweries Limited. He returned to newspapers in 1994 as Associate Editor of the HERALD SUN, Australia's largest circulation newspaper with 1.6 million readers. He was National Vice President of Save The Children Fund, Australia, from 1991 to 1994.

John's younger brother, ANDREW WILLIAM HAMILTON (1953-60), now with the Department of Defence in Canberra, also attended Christ Church, as did John's eldest son JAMES TYSON HAMILTON (1981-85) who is also a journalist. ■



A History of Lost Children

GEOFF BLACKBURN (1959-65) boarded at Christ Church for three years, first in Romsey House and later in Queenslea (now Walters). He recalls that the School had just bought Knutsford Hospital (now Parry House) and the senior boarders were allowed to use it as a study area.

Geoff, who has a degree in Geology, has worked in the mineral exploration industry for the last twenty-five years. He was a member of the council of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies for ten years, serving two terms as Vice President and a term as President, and he has served on Government Development Advisory and Industry Liaison committees. He is now a Mineral Exploration Consultant and a member of several Curtin University advisory committees.

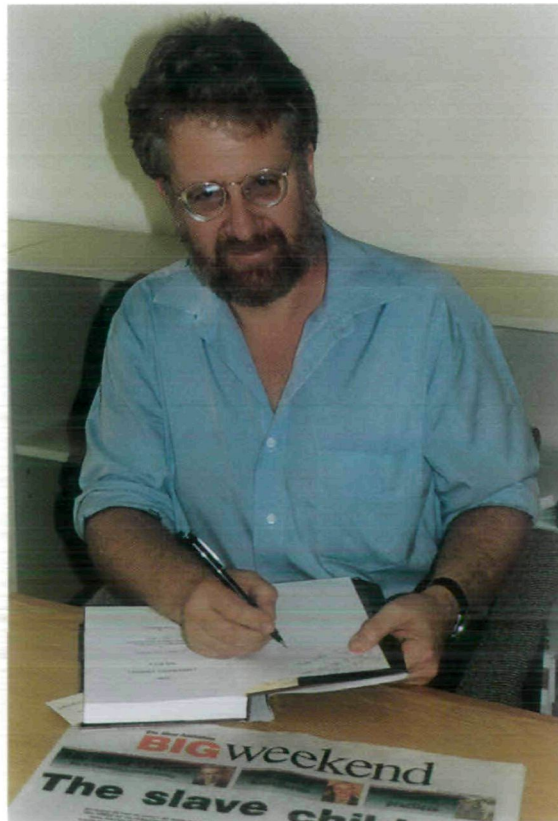
Geoff is also a keen historian. He published THE CHILDREN'S FRIENDS SOCIETY in 1993. He discovered the existence of this Society by accident while researching his own family tree.

The Children's Friend Society 'rescued' some 2000 children from the streets of London between 1834 and 1871 and shipped them to the British Colonies, to work as servants and farmhands in Australia, South Africa, Canada and Mauritius. Until now these children had simply vanished, along with the records of The Children's Friend Society. Geoff's meticulous research over seven years has pieced together the history of the Society and the fate of many of the children. The book fills a void in the history of white settlement in WA as seventy of the children, aged between 10 and 18, formed a considerable proportion of the colony's tiny population.

Geoff is working on three more books. He is editing The Diary of a Private Soldier of the 21st Regiment of the Royal North British Fusiliers 1807-28 and writing CONQUEST AND SETTLEMENT, the story of the 21st Regiment in Western Australia 1834-41. He is also writing a biography on colonial artist James Alfred Turner and, on a different track, GEMSTONES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

When Geoff Blackburn visited the School in April he dedicated a numbered and signed first print copy of THE CHILDREN'S FRIENDS SOCIETY to the School Library. ■

Andrew Hick (1987-94), David Cussons (1990-94) and Ben Reynolds (1987-94) congratulate one another on learning that they had been awarded Rotary Exchange Scholarships for 1995. Andrew is now spending the year in Theux, Belgium, David is in Tokyo, Japan and Ben is in Quebec, Canada.



Geoff Blackburn inscribes a copy of THE CHILDREN'S FRIENDS SOCIETY to the School Library.

Walkabout

Community Aid Abroad, based in Melbourne, is an independent agency for overseas aid and development. Supported by gifts from individuals, other agencies, governments and hundreds of community groups, Community Aid Abroad merged with Australia Freedom From Hunger Campaign in 1992 and is the Australian affiliate of Oxfam International. The current Executive Director of this large organisation is JEREMY HOBBS (1967-75). ■

There is great potential for young people studying for the hospitality industry. We are aware of the following Old Boys who have completed their studies and found full-time employment with some of Australia's leading hotels: CLAY BOWKER (1980-91), Sheraton Hotel, Perth; ANTHONY BEAUMONT (1980-84), Northside Gardens Hotel, Sydney; JEREMY CARISS (1981-88) and JOHN RAILTON (1979-88) Hyatt Regency, Perth; STEVEN HARBERTS (1991-93) Parmelia Hilton, Perth; PETER CAMPBELL (1980-84) and SVEN FUNKE (1984-88). We would be interested to hear from other Old Boys working in the hospitality industry. ■

A small group of Old Boys are doing their bit for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra. Those whom we are aware of are: TONY VINCENT (1947-50), JIM DOLLIMORE (1951-56), BRUCE HAIGH (1956-62), ALAN EDWARDS (1949-58) and SCOTT SPENCER (1961-67). ■

CRAIG MUIR (1979-83) has spent a lot of time travelling overseas since graduating in Architecture. Two years ago he moved to Auckland, New Zealand, to take up a position with a large firm of architects. He is now engaged to Kirston and would welcome news from former classmates. His address is PO Box 37701, Parnell, Auckland, New Zealand. ■

PETER FLEAY (1972-73) is now one of the senior partners in the engineering firm Callcott and Downey. Peter and his family have opted for the semi-rural setting of a Parkerville property and while he would have dearly loved for his young son to attend CCGS, common sense prevailed and he travels the much shorter journey to Guildford Grammar. ■

We heard recently that HOWARD WONG (1990-92) graduated from High School and is now studying at the Northwestern University in Chicago, USA. ■

In 1986 SIMON LINTON (1981-84) went to work at El Gringo's Mexican Restaurant in Subiaco. He ultimately became a partner in the business. It was a sad day for Simon, and those who had patronised the restaurant for twenty years, when it closed its doors just before Christmas last year. ■

After many years as the Geraldton based territory manager for CIBA Australia Ltd, LINDSAY McRAE (1975-78) was transferred last year to manage the firm's Northam Office. ■

In November last the Claremont/Nedlands POST featured a photo of two firemen from the DalGLISH unit who saved a Subiaco woman and her young son from the noxious fumes of a house fire. One of the firemen was SCOTT SAMUELS (1967-78). Scott was unsettled after leaving School. After a short stint at University and a course in Cartography he found a career that catered for his love of the outdoors. Now married with an eight year old son and a five year old daughter, Scott lives in Dunsborough and travels to DalGLISH for a straight four day work shift then he goes home for a four day break. ■

RICHARD TUNBRIDGE (1973-84) went on to graduate from the WA Academy of Performing Arts after leaving Christ Church. At the time he had no idea where this qualification would take him. In 1989 he was prompted by a friend to try his luck in Hong Kong and six years on and two jobs later he is still there. Richard is now a senior writer, designing and creating advertisements for newspapers, TV and radio, for a US multinational advertising agency and he has no immediate plans to return to Perth. ■

The brothers OFFER have come a long way since leaving the family farm at Kendenup in the early 1980s. GAVIN OFFER (1981-85) gained a degree in Economics from UWA before travelling to India with DAN SHEINER (1982-85). Their most memorable experience was helping at Mother Teresa's clinic in Calcutta. On returning to Perth Gavin changed tack and completed a Podiatry course at Curtin University. He would now like to work in the field of acupuncture. Meanwhile younger brother JARROD OFFER (1985-88) completed a wool classing course before working as a shearer. Two years ago he went to Norway on exchange to work on a fifty acre farm. His stop-off in London on the way home has become semi-permanent. Obviously there's more to life in London than shearing sheep in Kendenup! ■



WALKABOUT

Dr ALAN EGGLESTON (1953-59) is making a considerable contribution to local government and community affairs in the north west of the State. As *President of the Kalgoorlie North Division of the Liberal Party* he has already expressed strong views on the inevitability of Australia becoming a Republic. Alan is also the Mayor of Port Hedland. ■

DERRY MACQUEEN (1949-58) has returned to live in Perth after spending more than twenty-five years working overseas. Together with his wife and two sets of twin daughters, Derry returns from Austria where he ran his own computing consultancy. The Macqueens have bought a home in Mt Claremont. ■

KIM HARRISON (1962-66) is yet another Old Boy whose job has brought him back to Perth. Kim went to Melbourne in 1977 as the Executive Director of the Australian Hockey Association. Two years later he branched out into corporate PR consulting before a short stint as Manager Corporate Affairs with Amcor Ltd. In 1988 he was appointed Manager Corporate Affairs with the John Holland Construction Group and it was while in this role that he became involved in activities relating to the Great Southern Stand at the MCG. Kim joined the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority in Cooma, NSW in 1992 and last October he was appointed Manager Corporate Affairs with Western Power (formerly SECWA). Now living in South Perth with his wife Beverley and two year old daughter, Kim tells us that he would like to renew old acquaintances at Old Boy functions. His twin DAVID HARRISON (1962-66) is the Principal of the Helena College Junior School in Darlington. ■

Meanwhile twelve months ago DAVID LETTS (1972-77) left SECWA to take up an accounting position with the Sun Rice Group in Leeton, a small rural centre in south western New South Wales. ■

ROBERT POYNTON (1959-62) is one Old Boy who has made a living out of his hobby. He owns a company called Panama Jacks Vintage Aircraft Company which specialises in restoring vintage and warbird aircraft. ■

While on a brief visit to Perth with his family during the recent summer vacation Dr GEOFFREY LAURENT (1961-65) took time out to show his sixteen year old son over the School. Geoff is the Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology at the University College, London, Medical School. ■

It was a surprise, after forty-eight years, to hear from Old Boy STAN FILDES (1942-46). Stan spent most of his working life in the Eastern States, twenty-nine years with TVW Limited and later The Bell Group, managing those companies' media/marketing affairs. He also served on the Media Council and the Federation of Commercial Television Stations committees. He retired in 1988 as Corporate Manager - Media for Robert Holmes à Court. Stan is now a media consultant. He has three children and two grandchildren. He lives in the Sydney north shore suburb of Killara, and would love to hear from any Sydney-based Old Boys of similar vintage interested in sharing an anecdote or two - and a mandatory Swan Lager of course! His telephone number is (02) 498 8548. ■

When DAVID WOOD (1960-66) left Christ Church as a spritely fifteen year old bound for Geelong Grammar School he did not anticipate returning twenty-nine years on for a stroll down memory lane. David was eight years old when he arrived from Malaysia to board in Romsey House (Dorm. 3). He has vivid recollections (not all happy) of his seven years boarding at Christ Church. After leaving Geelong Grammar David worked for Qantas before opting for a change of scenery with Caltex Oil in country Victoria. For the past eighteen years David has been with Shell Australia at the Corio (Geelong) Refinery. Married with four children, David is vitally interested in civic affairs, particularly the Special Olympics Movement for persons with an intellectual disability. He has also maintained a vital interest in coaching rowing over the years, and boasts six victories for his Geelong Grammar School girls' second eight since 1987! (His interest in rowing began when he was at Christ Church). It was at the Barwon Rowing Club earlier this year where David met up with KIM KLOPPER (1961-63) who was in Romsey House at the same time as David. Surprisingly, David has maintained strong links with the East Fremantle football club and has just taken out a Membership of the Fremantle Dockers, though we're sure he would not want too many folk in Geelong to know that! ■

After being one of the founding partners in Rural and Metro Realty in Midland NORM SUDLOW (1955-59) has left that firm to join Acton Consolidated as the Manager of their Rural Division. Meanwhile his son DANNY SUDLOW (1981-85) is into the second year of a teaching contract in Brunei. ■

Coming Events 1995

- 6 June Commencement of ART WEEK
Exhibition: A DECADE OF OLD BOYS' ART
- 24 June PSA bye
- 25 June OBA Winter Sports Day v The School
- 6 July Boarders' Parents Afternoon Tea,
School Refectory 1.30 pm
END OF TERM 2
- 15 July SKI TRIPS commence
- Prep School group to Hotham (Vic)
 - Senior School group to Threadbo (NSW)
- 26 July TERM 3 commences
- 5 Aug Commencement of a two week visit by students from
Hotoku Gakuen High School, Japan
- 6 Aug FOUNDER'S DAY FAMILY SERVICE
St George's Cathedral 10 am
- 11 Aug OBA LUNCHEON
25 Year Reunion for the Class of 1970
- 24-28 Aug MID TERM BREAK
- 2 Sept PSA bye
- 15 Sept OBA ANNUAL DINNER
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club 7.30 pm
- 22 Sept Business Studies Tour to SE Asia begins,
visiting Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam
- 28 Sept Scodary School HOUSE ARTS DAY
END OF TERM 3
- 29 Sept OBA NEW MEMBERS NIGHT
School Refectory 5.30 pm

